

**Venerable Acacius of Sinai,
who is mentioned in the Ladder**
(November 29)

Saint Acacius of Sinai lived during the sixth century and was a novice at a certain monastery in Asia. The humble monk distinguished himself by his patient and unquestioning obedience to his Elder, a harsh and dissolute man. He forced his disciple to toil excessively, starved him with hunger, and beat him without mercy. Despite such treatment, Saint Acacius meekly endured the affliction and thanked God for everything. Saint Acacius died after suffering these torments for nine years.



Five days after Acacius was buried, his Elder told another Elder about the death of his disciple. The second Elder did not believe that the young monk was dead. They went to the grave of Acacius and the second Elder called out: “Brother Acacius, are you dead?” From the grave a voice replied, “No, Father, how is it possible for an obedient man to die?” The startled Elder of Saint Acacius fell down with tears before the grave, asking forgiveness of his disciple.

After this he repented, constantly saying to the Fathers, “I have committed murder.” He lived in a cell near the grave of Saint Acacius, and he ended his life in prayer and in meekness. Saint John Climacus (March 30) mentions Saint Acacius in The Ladder (Step 4:110) as an example of endurance and obedience, and of the rewards for these virtues.

Saint Acacius is also commemorated on July 7.

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November 29, 2020

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

COMMEMORATIONS:

PARAMONUS, PHILUMENUS, AND THEIR 370
COMPANION MARTYRS IN BITHYNIA
OUR RIGHTEOUS FATHER NICHOLAS, ARCHBISHOP OF
THESSALONICA
DIONYSIOS, BISHOP OF CORINTH
PHAEDRUS THE MARTYR
VENERABLE AKAKIOS OF SINAI
URBAN, BISHOP OF MACEDONIA

Tone 8 - Eothinon 3

Orthros Gospel: St. Mark 16:9-20

Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-7

Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 18:18-27

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 8 - From the heights Thou didst descend, O Compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our Life and our Resurrection, O Lord. Glory to Thee!

KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY - Tone 3 - On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to * God the Word ineffably, * Who was before all the ages. * Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing * the gladsome tidings; * with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him * Who is willing to be gazed on * as a young Child Who * before the ages is God.

TODAY: ORTHROS & Confession 8:45 a.m.

Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.

No Sunday School & Catechism

**Glory to God for a strong 40 Days of Growth in Stewardship!
Thanks for returning your pledges promptly.**

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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Dec 6):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Justin Gohl	Kristi Moore
USHERS:	Sdn John N. & Sdn Justin	Steve K. & Nick Mor.
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	----
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Gabriel”	“Archangel Michael”
CLEANING TEAM:	Nathan & Rebecca J. w/ Teens	Sdn John & Maxine; Tatiana Y.

Mark Your Calendar:

Nativity Fast

November 15-December 24

Daily Services during the Nativity Fast:

- ✦ *Liturgies – Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday (Mask Required), Sunday @ 10 a.m.*
- ✦ *Advent Services – Monday, Wednesday, Friday @ 6:30 p.m.*
- ✦ *Great Vespers, Resurrectional Orthros, and Feasts as usual.*
- ✦ *6th Hour suspended till after Theophany*

Feast of the Nativity of Christ

Thursday, December 24

Royal Hours, 8 am
Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil, 9 am
Festal Orthros, 9:30 pm
Divine Liturgy, 11 pm
Friday, December 25
Vespers for the Synaxis of the Theotokos, 12 pm
Saturday, December 26
Orthros 9 am; Liturgy 10 am

Circumcision of Christ & St. Basil

Thursday, December 31

Vespers 6:30 pm & Orthros 7:30 pm

Friday, January 1
Liturgy of St. Basil, 10 am

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Doris & John APr. Gregory & Family Aristidis James Lasha B Otari B Daniel H John Peter Stavroula Anesia Svetlana & Family	+Margaret +Mat. Linda (D) +Robert Joseph +Timothy (B) +Vadim
Dn. Thomas, Elizabeth, Elaine & all Missionaries New & Expectant Mothers & their children	<u>Catechumens</u> Matthew, Michael, Shaun, Tina, Asena, Sarah, Jonathan, Barry

For the people of our land and their repentance, healing & unity

All who are suffering, serving and rebuilding from the pandemic

OFFERINGS: Candles, \$276. Collections, \$417.27. Youth, \$1. Building Fund, \$2,000. Church Garden Project, \$1,100. Stewardship, \$1,776.67. Total received: \$5,570.94.

GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!

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This Week:

NATIVITY FAST continues!

- Monday, Nov 30:** Advent Paraklesis, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec 1:** Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.
Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.
- Wednesday, Dec 2:** Little Compline 6:30 p.m.
Patristic Reading Group 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec 3:** Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.
- Friday, Dec 4:** Advent Paraklesis, 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec 5:** Divine Liturgy (Mask Required) 10 a.m.
St. Nicholas Vespers & Artoklasia w/ Youth Choir, 6:30 p.m.
Youth activity to follow
- Sunday, Dec 6:** ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY, 10 a.m.
Sunday School, Teens, & Catechism



REVERENCE IN GOD'S HOUSE

Greeting a Priest or Bishop



Did you know that the proper way to greet a priest or bishop is to ask his blessing and kiss his right hand? How do you do this? Approach the priest or bishop with your right hand over your left hand and say "Father (or "Master" in the case of the bishop), bless." (He will make the sign of the cross, and place his right hand over yours.) This is much more appropriate (and traditional) than shaking their hands. When you kiss their hands, you show respect for their office - they are icons of Christ our High Priest and offer the holy gifts on your behalf. So next time you greet your priest or bishop, don't shake his hand, ask for his blessing.